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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 September 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-85/86)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 09/04/08 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 3, 5 – 13, and 15 - 27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant argues that neither Sadhwani et al. nor Chong et al. nor Wakisaka et al. teach detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second voice input signal that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second input signal based on the detected second topic; and translating the second voice input signal using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

The examiner agrees, but this limitation is now rejected in view of new ground of rejection. Please see claim rejection below.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to because the unlabeled rectangular boxes shown in the drawings should be provided with descriptive text labels. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

5. Claims 1 - 27 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sadhwani et al. (US PAP 2002/0069048), in view of Chong et al., (US Patent 5,535,120), and further in view of Hatori et al., (US PAP 2002/0065647).

As per claims 1, Sadhwani et al. discloses a method of translating speech and delivering it to a communications device (see paragraph [0002]), comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from a first communications device for speech translation services at a server device running a speech translation application, (see paragraph [0010]; paragraph [0034]);

retrieving a first voice input signal associated with the request from a first communication path (see paragraph [0010] and [0034]);

translating the voice input signal from a source language to a target language message using said speech translation application (see 0033)); and

sending the target language message to a second communications device using a second communication path (see paragraph [0034], where sending the message is separate from the request, thus utilizing a second communication path), at least a portion of said target language message being revealed audibly via a second device speaker or visibly on a display of said second device (see paragraph [0034]);

receiving a second voice input signal in response to the first voice input signal ("a communication system for communicating information between an information source and an information recipient including: information receiving means for receiving information in an audible format" paragraphs 9, and 10).

However, Sadhwani et al. do not specifically teach that the speech translation application includes a plurality of translation dictionaries including at least one core language dictionary and a plurality of sub-language dictionaries; detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second voice input signal that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second input signal based on the detected second topic; and translating the second voice input signal using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Chong et al., teach a dictionary database including a core language dictionary containing entries for generic words of the source and target languages, and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries each containing entries for specialized words of a sublanguages (col.4, lines 3 – 7).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a core language dictionary and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries as taught by Chong et al., in Sadhwani et al., because that would make the translation system more efficient, by using appropriated dictionaries during translation.

However, Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., do not specifically teach detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation

dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second voice input signal that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second input signal based on the detected second topic; and translating the second voice input signal using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Hatori et al disclose that in a text in which topics are switched from one to another, it can be difficult to determine a point or a portion of the text in which domain dictionaries should be switched from one to another. For this reason, a typical method currently performed for automatically switching dictionaries from one to another utilizes an appropriate and predetermined keyword for each dictionary. A domain dictionary including the keyword can be selected when the keyword appears in the source text... a domain of a source text is identified by a keyword, and an order of translated words in a system dictionary is changed (paragraphs 6 - 8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to switch between domain dictionaries during translation based on the identified keyword as taught by Hatori et al. in Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., because that would provide a translation system capable of automatically switching dictionaries more appropriately (paragraph 13).

Regarding claim 2, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that the first communication path is established on a wireless communication network (see paragraph [0029] and [0034]), where the communication device can be a mobile phone or the request of the

information source can be sent in the form of an email, thus the communication path is on a wireless communication network).

Regarding claim 3, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that a source language or a target language is automatically determined based on said received request (see paragraph [0040] where the user requests the retrieval of the information and determines the target language).

Regarding claim 5, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that said speech translation application includes a dictionary search component capable of searching a resource for at least one second-type translation dictionary (see paragraph [0055], where the translations software used the method described).

Regarding claim 6, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that the request received includes user specific identification information (see paragraph [0039] where the PIN is the users identification information).

Regarding claim 7, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that the user specific identification information is used to retrieve user specific files to process the request for speech translation services (see paragraph [0049], access to personal organizer is user specific information).

Regarding claim 8, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that the request received from the wireless communication device includes device specific identification information (see paragraph [0038] where T-link number is the device identifier).

Regarding claim 9, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that the device specific identification information is used to retrieve user specific files to process the request for speech translation services (see paragraph [0049] where the address book is accessible).

Regarding claim 10, Sadhwani et al. discloses a wireless communication system providing speech translation services (see paragraph [0029]), comprising: a first wireless communication device providing voice input for speech translation processing on a first communication path (see paragraph [0029] where a mobile phone can be used as a communication device), said device also providing sending and receiving party information (see paragraphs [0041], where the user has the option to reply, thus providing the sending information and [0046], where the user has the option to access their own menus;

a second wireless communication device providing second voice input for speech translation processing on a second communication path ("mobile phones" paragraph 29)

a server device running a speech translation application receiving voice input from said wireless communication device on said first communication path (see paragraph [0042]), converting the received voice input into a text file (see paragraph

[0055]), translating the text file based on determining a language pair from at least one of said sending and receiving party information (see paragraph [0055]), and sending the translated information to the second wireless communication device using the second communication path (see paragraph [0054]);

receiving a second voice input signal in response to the first voice .input signal ("a communication system for communicating information between an information source and an information recipient including: information receiving means for receiving information in an audible format" paragraphs 9, and 10).

However, Sadhwani et al. do not specifically teach that the speech translation application includes a plurality of translation dictionaries including at least one core language dictionary and a plurality of sub-language dictionaries; detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second voice input signal that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second input signal based on the detected second topic; and translating the second voice input signal using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Chong et al., teach a dictionary database including a core language dictionary containing entries for generic words of the source and target languages, and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries each containing entries for specialized words of a sublanguages (col.4, lines 3 – 7).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a core language dictionary and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries as taught by Chong et al., in Sadhwani et al., because that would make the translation system more efficient, by using appropriated dictionaries during translation.

However, Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., do not specifically teach detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second voice input signal that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second input signal based on the detected second topic; and translating the second voice input signal using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Hatori et al disclose that in a text in which topics are switched from one to another, it can be difficult to determine a point or a portion of the text in which domain dictionaries should be switched from one to another. For this reason, a typical method currently performed for automatically switching dictionaries from one to another utilizes an appropriate and predetermined keyword for each dictionary. A domain dictionary including the keyword can be selected when the keyword appears in the source text... a domain of a source text is identified by a keyword, and an order of translated words in a system dictionary is changed (paragraphs 6 - 8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to switch between domain dictionaries during translation based on the identified keyword as taught by Hatori et al. in Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., because that would provide a translation system capable of automatically switching dictionaries more appropriately (paragraph 13).

Regarding claim 11, Sadhwani et al. discloses a system for facilitating translation of a communication from or to a remote communication device (see paragraph [0029]), comprising:

a wireless communication device capable of: receiving a translated message; and displaying the translated message on a visual display of the wireless communication device (see paragraph [0029] where a mobile phone is used as the communication device); and

a translation apparatus capable of: receiving a message for translation from a first user, said message including sending and receiving party information and a speech element (see paragraph [0030] and [0033]); searching a message translation database using at least one of the sending and receiving party identification information to determine a language pair (see paragraph [0055]); in response to determining said language pair, translating said message speech element from a first language of said language pair to a second language of said language pair (see paragraph [0055]); and communicating at least a portion of said

translated message to said wireless communication device (see paragraphs [0076] - [0080]);

receiving a second message in response to the first message ("enables messages sent by phone...SMS"; Abstract).

However, Sadhwani et al. do not specifically teach that the speech translation application includes a plurality of translation dictionaries including at least one core language dictionary and a plurality of sub-language dictionaries; detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second message that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second message based on the detected second topic; and translating the second message using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Chong et al., teach a dictionary database including a core language dictionary containing entries for generic words of the source and target languages, and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries each containing entries for specialized words of a sublanguages (col.4, lines 3 – 7).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a core language dictionary and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries as taught by Chong et al., in Sadhwani et al., because that

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would make the translation system more efficient, by using appropriated dictionaries during translation.

However, Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., do not specifically teach detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second voice input signal that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second input signal based on the detected second topic; and translating the second voice input signal using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Hatori et al disclose that in a text in which topics are switched from one to another, it can be difficult to determine a point or a portion of the text in which domain dictionaries should be switched from one to another. For this reason, a typical method currently performed for automatically switching dictionaries from one to another utilizes an appropriate and predetermined keyword for each dictionary. A domain dictionary including the keyword can be selected when the keyword appears in the source text... a domain of a source text is identified by a keyword, and an order of translated words in a system dictionary is changed (paragraphs 6 - 8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to switch between domain dictionaries during translation based on the identified keyword as taught by Hatori et al. in Sadhwani et al., in view of

Chong et al., because that would provide a translation system capable of automatically switching dictionaries more appropriately (paragraph 13).

Regarding claim 12, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that the translation apparatus searches at least one translation dictionary based on said received message (see paragraph [0055]).

Regarding claim 13, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that said first and second languages of said language pair automatically determined based on said received message (see paragraph [0040] where the user requests the retrieval of the information and determines the target language).

Regarding claim 15, Chong et al., further disclose that said translation apparatus includes a dictionary search component capable of searching a resource for at least one second- type translation dictionary (col.4, lines 3 – 7).

Regarding claim 16, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that said user is a mobile subscriber (see ~paragraph [0029] where a mobile phone can be used).

Regarding claim 17, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that said user is a network operator (see paragraph [0038] where the user is prompted by an automated operator).

As per claim 18, Chong et al., further suggest translation apparatus accesses a specialized dictionary of said language pair based on said sending and receiving party information ("dictionary deemed applicable"; col.4, lines 17 – 22).

As per claim 19, Hatori et al., further suggest detecting a plurality of topics in a received message, including identify new topics and identifying the recurrence of a previously identified topic ("currently performed for automatically switching dictionaries from one to another utilizes an appropriate and predetermined keyword for each dictionary. A domain dictionary including the keyword can be selected when the keyword appears in the source text... a domain of a source text is identified by a keyword, and an order of translated words in a system dictionary is changed"; paragraphs 6 – 8).

Regarding claim 20, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that said received message includes device specific identification information (see paragraph [0038] where T-elink number is the device identifier).

Regarding claim 21, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that said device specific identification information is used to retrieve sender or receiver specific files to translate said message speech element (see paragraph [0049] where the address book is accessible).

Regarding claim 22, Sadhwani et al. discloses a system for facilitating translation of a communication from or to a remote communication device, comprising: a wireless communication device capable of:

receiving a translated message; and revealing the translated message via a speaker of the wireless communication device (see paragraph [0029] where a mobile phone is used as the communication device); and

a translation apparatus capable of: receiving a message for translation from a first user, said message including sending and receiving party information and a speech element (see paragraph [0054]); searching a message translation database using at least one of the sending and receiving party identification information to determine a language pair (see paragraph [0055]);

in response to determining said language pair, translating said message speech element from a first language of said language pair to a second language of said language pair (see paragraph [0055]); and communicating at least a portion of said translated message to said wireless communication device (see paragraphs [0076] - [0080]).

receiving a second message in response to the first message ("enables messages sent by phone...SMS"; Abstract).

However, Sadhwani et al. do not specifically teach that the speech translation application includes a plurality of translation dictionaries including at least one core language dictionary and a plurality of sub-language dictionaries; detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an

ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second message that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second message based on the detected second topic; and translating the second message using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Chong et al., teach a dictionary database including a core language dictionary containing entries for generic words of the source and target languages, and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries each containing entries for specialized words of a sublanguages (col.4, lines 3 – 7).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a core language dictionary and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries as taught by Chong et al., in Sadhwani et al., because that would make the translation system more efficient, by using appropriated dictionaries during translation.

However, Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., do not specifically teach detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second voice input signal that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with

the second input signal based on the detected second topic; and translating the second voice input signal using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Hatori et al disclose that in a text in which topics are switched from one to another, it can be difficult to determine a point or a portion of the text in which domain dictionaries should be switched from one to another. For this reason, a typical method currently performed for automatically switching dictionaries from one to another utilizes an appropriate and predetermined keyword for each dictionary. A domain dictionary including the keyword can be selected when the keyword appears in the source text... a domain of a source text is identified by a keyword, and an order of translated words in a system dictionary is changed (paragraphs 6 - 8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to switch between domain dictionaries during translation based on the identified keyword as taught by Hatori et al. in Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., because that would provide a translation system capable of automatically switching dictionaries more appropriately (paragraph 13).

Regarding claim 23, Sadhwani et al. discloses a method of translating speech and delivering it to a wireless communications device (see paragraph [00402]), comprising the steps of:

receiving a first spoken input from a first wireless communications device at a server device running a translation application (see paragraph [0030] and [0033]); receiving a signal associated with said first spoken input (see paragraph [0054]), said

signal corresponding to either a display selection from an interface display on said first wireless communications device or a second spoken input received by said first wireless communications device (see paragraph [0075] and [0077]), said signal indicative of a translation request (see paragraph [0054]);

translating the spoken input from a source language to a target language using said speech translation application so as to construct a translated message (see paragraph [0055]), said source language and said target language being determined by input received by said first wireless communications device (see paragraph [0042] and [0054]); and

communicating the translated message to a second wireless communications device (see paragraph [0043] - [0045]), at least a portion of said translated message being revealed audibly via a second device speaker or visibly on a display of said second device (see paragraphs [0052]);

receiving a third spoken input from the second wireless communication device signal ("a communication system for communicating information between an information source and an information recipient including: information receiving means for receiving information in an audible format" paragraphs 9, and 10).

However, Sadhwani et al. do not specifically teach that the speech translation application includes a plurality of translation dictionaries including at least one core language dictionary and a plurality of sub-language dictionaries; detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries

with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the third spoken input that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the third spoken based on the detected second topic; and translating the third spoken input using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Chong et al., teach a dictionary database including a core language dictionary containing entries for generic words of the source and target languages, and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries each containing entries for specialized words of a sublanguages (col.4, lines 3 – 7).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a core language dictionary and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries as taught by Chong et al., in Sadhwani et al., because that would make the translation system more efficient, by using appropriated dictionaries during translation.

However, Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., do not specifically teach detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second voice input signal that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second input signal based on the detected second topic; and translating the second voice input signal using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Hatori et al disclose that in a text in which topics are switched from one to another, it can be difficult to determine a point or a portion of the text in which domain dictionaries should be switched from one to another. For this reason, a typical method currently performed for automatically switching dictionaries from one to another utilizes an appropriate and predetermined keyword for each dictionary. A domain dictionary including the keyword can be selected when the keyword appears in the source text... a domain of a source text is identified by a keyword, and an order of translated words in a system dictionary is changed (paragraphs 6 - 8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to switch between domain dictionaries during translation based on the identified keyword as taught by Hatori et al. in Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., because that would provide a translation system capable of automatically switching dictionaries more appropriately (paragraph 13).

Regarding claim 24, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that said input for determining said source and target language includes a selection by a user of said first device of source and target languages from a display on said first device display (see paragraph [0042] and [0054]).

Regarding claim 25, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that said input for determining said source language is sending party information and said input for

determining said target language is receiving party information (see paragraphs 46 - 51).

Regarding claim 26, Sadhwani et al. further disclose that said receiving party information is a short code (see paragraph [0054] where the code is a T-link number).

Regarding claim 27, Sadhwani et al. discloses a method of translating speech and 'delivering it to a wireless communications device, comprising the steps of:

receiving first spoken input from a first wireless communications device at a server device running a translation application (see paragraph [0054]);

receiving a signal associated with said spoken input at said server device (see paragraph [0054]), said signal corresponding to either a display selection from an interface display on said first wireless communications device or a second spoken input received by said first wireless communications device (see paragraph [0075] and [0077]), said signal indicative of a translation request (see paragraph [0054]);

translating the spoken input from a source language to a target language using said speech translation application so as to construct a translated message (see paragraph [0055]), said speech translation application using at least a core dictionary associated with said source language and said target language (see paragraph [0055], where the translation programs listed use a core dictionary); and

communicating the translated message to a second wireless communications device (see paragraph [0076] - [0080]);

receiving a third spoken input from the second wireless communication device signal (“a communication system for communicating information between an information source and an information recipient including: information receiving means for receiving information in an audible format” paragraphs 9, and 10).

However, Sadhwani et al. do not specifically teach that the speech translation application includes a plurality of translation dictionaries including at least one core language dictionary and a plurality of sub-language dictionaries; detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the third spoken input that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the third spoken based on the detected second topic; and translating the third spoken input using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Chong et al., teach a dictionary database including a core language dictionary containing entries for generic words of the source and target languages, and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries each containing entries for specialized words of a sublanguages (col.4, lines 3 – 7).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a core language dictionary and a plurality of sublanguage dictionaries as taught by Chong et al., in Sadhwani et al., because that

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However, Sadhwani et al., in view of Chong et al., do not specifically teach detecting a first topic based on the voice signal by matching words in the input signal to nodes in an ontological database; and associating at least a first one of the translation dictionaries with the input signal based on the detected topic; detecting a topic change indicating a second topic associated with the second voice input signal that is different from the first topic; associating at least a second one of the translation dictionaries with the second input signal based on the detected second topic; and translating the second voice input signal using the second one of the translation dictionaries.

Hatori et al disclose that in a text in which topics are switched from one to another, it can be difficult to determine a point or a portion of the text in which domain dictionaries should be switched from one to another. For this reason, a typical method currently performed for automatically switching dictionaries from one to another utilizes an appropriate and predetermined keyword for each dictionary. A domain dictionary including the keyword can be selected when the keyword appears in the source text... a domain of a source text is identified by a keyword, and an order of translated words in a system dictionary is changed (paragraphs 6 - 8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to switch between domain dictionaries during translation based on the identified keyword as taught by Hatori et al. in Sadhwani et al., in view of

Chong et al., because that would provide a translation system capable of automatically switching dictionaries more appropriately (paragraph 13).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please see PTO-892-Form.

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